



CPS BOARD UPDATE

January 2013



Trainings/Deadlines

JANUARY

9 CARS training in
Elk River MN
10 – 11:30 am

9 CARS training in
Duluth MN
10:30 – 12 noon

16 CARS training in
Marshall MN
10 – 11:30 am

FEBRUARY

1 State Car Seat Grant
Application Due
4:30 pm

Save the Date

APRIL

13-16 Lifesavers in Denver CO

NOVEMBER

14-15 St. Cloud, MN

Reminders & Updates

- CPS Foster Care/Day Care Provider training has been updated and renamed CARS.
- CARS Train the Trainer sessions in January
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- For trainings, car seat clinics and recall list go to:
www.buckleupkids.mn.gov.
- For CEU opportunities go to:
cps.certification@safekids.org
- CPS advocates must submit clinic requests and requests to conduct classes to
Heather.Darby@state.mn.us at least six weeks prior to the start of class or clinic.
- CPS recertification is every 2 years. Get your 5 seats checked and 6 CEU's completed. You can recertify up to 4 months before your expiration date.

News

CARS new curriculum should be available February 2013

3 year old, 36" doll drawing winners are: **KarRee Luckling**,
Craig Honkoha, **Jon Young**, **Nancy Tofte** and **Sarah Buhs**.

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Saved by the Belt



A grandmother and her 4 year old granddaughter were t-boned at approximately 50 mph. Grandma was wearing her seatbelt and sustained a broken pelvis and broken ankle. This resulted in a four day hospital stay with surgery. The 4 year old granddaughter was properly secured into her Graco Agros 70, in the rear left seat. The Agros was properly secured into the vehicle. The 4 year old sustained a broken collar bone in this crash.

The Grandma said her daughter-in-law went to a car seat clinic at the Willmar FD awhile back. Grandma said her daughter-in-law passed that car seat knowledge onto her. Grandma said her granddaughter's car seat was always installed correctly because she knew the importance it had during a crash. Grandma now truly feels thankful for this knowledge after their crash. Grandma, parents and the 4 year old girl are very thankful to those of you who take time out of your busy lives to promote CPS and save the lives of children.

CPS National Recertification Information



There are two different types of reminders provided by Safe Kids & one email to you by Heather Darby, State CPS Coordinator.

However, it is your responsibility to make sure that your contact information is accurate so that you receive the reminders.

A personalized letter with your username and password information will be sent to you approximately 8 weeks before your current certification expiration date.

Three personalized emails with your username and password information will be sent to you approximately 8, 4 and 2 weeks before your current certification expiration date.

These are sent to the official contact information in your CPS online profile so it is essential that it kept current.

In addition, there are constant reminders in the monthly e-newsletter, the [CPS Express!](#) Please be sure

Ideas for obtaining car seats for trainings

Write a grant to Sam's (application at the service desk)

Send a note out to colleagues at work or in the employee newsletter that you're looking for seats

Talk to the ED nurses if kids come in after minor crashes ask the parents if when they replace their seat would they be willing to donate to the program

Talk to insurance agents-small grant, AAA does small grants-call and talk to Lee Glamm to find out more

Talk to Target/Walmart to get donations when they cycle out their displays



Guidelines for State Child Passenger Safety (CPS) Certification

Practitioner – 16 Hour Course

Requirements:

- Successfully complete a 16-hour MCPSP-approved training.
- Successfully complete an 8-hour recertification course every other year thereafter. Documentation of 12 safety seat checks/inspections per year required to attend a recertification course. If documentation is unavailable, completion of a 16-hour or 32-hour course necessary to recertify.
- Stay up-to-date on CPS issues with assistance from the MCPSP.
- Perform and document at least 12 safety seat checks/inspections per year under the supervision of a Senior Checker. Use of the child restraint log form suggested (form available).

Capabilities:

- Provide one-on-one CPS awareness education to families.
- Operate a child safety seat distribution program. **
- Provide information to parent classes, community groups, etc. on child passenger safety.

cps.certification@safekids.org is an approved sender.

You may recertify up to four months before your certification expiration date without losing any time. Avoid problems--don't delay!



CPS National Recertification Requirements and Deadlines

Five seat checks approved by a certified instructor (you may use the technician proxy option). You can do the checks at any time during your certification cycle as long as they are entered online and a certified instructor approves them before your recertification date.

Community education (choose one):

Participation in at least one two-hour checkup event with at least one other CPS technician using any standardized checklist to provide documentation, if needed

Provide at least four hours of community education. Examples include making presentations to parents, educators, kids, organizations (such as PTAs or law enforcement), or other stakeholders who are not technicians.

A minimum of six hours of CPS technical continuing education units earned and reported during a current two-year certification cycle.

You cannot carry over CEUs from one period to the next, even if you have accumulated more CEUs than are required

Because your certification cycle stays the same, any CEUs obtained after you recertify but before the first day of your new certification cycle may not be applied to the new cycle

You can record CEUs at any time during your certification cycle, but they must fit into one of the five approved categories and meet content requirements.

Register and pay the recertification fee before your certification expiration date. You can register up to 4 months in advance of your certification expiration date. You will NOT lose any time--your dates stay the same.

To get to the payment screen, you must have:

Completed all five seat checks (entered and CPSTI approved)

Entered at least six CEUs

- Perform safety seat checks/inspections at Check Up events or on one-on-one basis under the supervision of a Senior Checker. A Senior Checker must sign off on all inspections. It is up to Senior Checker discretion whether to be physically present at each inspection.

****Distribution programs that operate without a Technician are not certified to conduct an installation of the seat.**

Technician –32 Hour Course

Requirements:

Successfully complete the 32-hour NHTSA-approved CPS training.

- Keep a current National CPS Technician Certification with Safe Kids Worldwide (biannual certification).
- Notify MCPSP at least 6 weeks in advance of any training workshops scheduled in Minnesota.
- Provide MCPSP with copies of class rosters and instructor evaluations of all training workshops conducted in Minnesota.
- Provide MCPSP with the clinic totals form from all Check Up events in Minnesota when participated as the Senior Checker.

Capabilities:

- Provide one-on-one CPS awareness education to families.
- Operate a child safety seat distribution program.
- Provide presentations to parent classes, community groups, etc. on child passenger safety.
- Perform safety seat checks/inspections on one-on-one basis (i.e., in-home/in-office).
- Perform safety seat checks/inspections at Check Up events under the supervision of the designated Senior Checker.
- May perform Senior Checker duties if one of the following requirements have been met:
 - Was certified as a Level 2 - CPS Practitioner and had completed at least 8 additional individual safety seat checks/inspections* under the supervision of a Senior Checker prior to attending 32-hour NHTSA-approved training.

Entered your community event information

Once all three are done and you are within 4 months of your certification expiration date, you will see a **"Click Here to Continue"** button that will take you to the payment screens. Once your registration is complete, your recertification will be processed in no more than two days.



Guidelines for State Child Passenger Safety (CPS) Certification continued

Technician Instructor

Requirements:

- Keep a current National CPS Technician Instructor Certification with Safe Kids Worldwide. (biannual certification).
- Notify MCPSP AND SK at least 6 weeks in advance of any training workshops scheduled in Minnesota.
- Provide MCPSP with copies of class rosters, instructor evaluations, exams and application forms from all 16-hour training workshops conducted in Minnesota.
- Provide MCPSP with copies of class rosters and instructor evaluations of all 32-hour training workshops conducted in Minnesota.
- Provide MCPSP with copies of car seat clinic totals work sheet from all Check Up events supervised in Minnesota.

Capabilities:

- Provide one-on-one CPS awareness education to families.
- Operate a child safety seat distribution program.
- Provide presentations to parent classes, community groups, etc. on child passenger safety.
- Perform safety seat checks/inspections on one-on-one basis (i.e., in-home/in-office).
- Perform safety seat checks/inspections at Check Up events under the supervision of the designated Senior Checker.
- Perform Senior Checker duties.
- **Conduct NHTSA CPS Technician Certification training workshops.**
 - May be an instructor of the sixteen-hour MCPSP-approved training if the following requirement has been met:
 - Successfully complete a sixteen-hour MCPSP-approved training as an instructor candidate. As a candidate, you will be monitored by an approved MCPSP instructor (a Technician Instructor or Technician who has successfully completed this requirement).
 - May be an instructor of the three-hour MCPSP – approved Child Care Provider training if the following requirement has been met:
 - Certified as a CPS Technician for one year beyond classroom instruction (Effective April 1, 2006).
 - Attended a training orientation/update for the Child Care Provider curriculum.
 - Completed and submitted an Instructor Application form to MCPSP.